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TAGS: PINT, CSCE, SHUM, UR, US  
SUBJECT: DISSIDENT ROUNDUP FROM LYUDA ALEKSEYEVA

REF: (A) MOSCOW 2211, (B) MOSCOW 2297

IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION ON FEB 18, LYUDA ALEKSEYEVA  
REPORTED FOLLOWING:

-- DISSIDENT MALVA LANDA (REF A) FACES POSSIBLE  
PROSECUTION AS A RESULT OF RECENT FIRE IN HER APARTMENT.  
FIRE ALLEGEDLY STARTED BECAUSE OF HER CARELESSNESS IN  
LEAVING LIT CIGARETTE IN LIVING ROOM WHILE SHE STEPPED  
OUT FOR A FEW MOMENTS. LANDA ACKNOWLEDGES THIS AS  
POSSIBLE CAUSE; HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO LYUDA FIRE SPREAD  
WITH SUCH SPEED THAT ARSON CANNOT BE EXCLUDED, TAKING  
INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT LANDA HAD EXTENSIVE "ARCHIVE"  
IN APARTMENT, WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. FIRE  
RESULTED IN DAMAGE ASSESSED AT 3000 RUBLES. DAMAGE  
IN EXCESS OF 1000 RUBLES RESULTING FROM CARELESSNESS  
QUALIFIES AS CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE. THEREFORE, LANDA  
FACES POSSIBLE PROSECUTION AND SENTENCE OF UP TO  
THREE YEARS. WITH ALL HER POSSESSIONS DESTROYED, SHE  
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IS CURRENTLY LIVING WITH FRIENDS " A NIGHT HERE, A  
NIGHT THERE."

-- ASKED ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF NAUM SALANSKIY  
(REF B), ALEKSEYEVA EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT HE IS ALL  
RIGHT. IF HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED, SHE SAID, FACT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO HER BY HELSINKI GROUP IN

TALLINN.

-- UNDERSTANDABLY CARTER-SAKHAROV CORRESPONDENCE IS THE CURRENT SENSATION AMONG MOSCOW'S DISSIDENTS AND INTELLIGENTSIA GENERALLY. ALEKSEYEVA WAS PLEASED BY ACTIVE CONCERN SHOWN BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR AND NOTED, INTER ALIA, THAT VOA COVERAGE OF SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS SEEMS TO HAVE IMPROVED MARKEDLY.

-- ALEKSEYEVA, HUSBAND AND YOUNGER SON MISHA ARE EMIGRATING FEB 22. ALTHOUGH OVIR DEADLINE WAS FEB 21, THEY OBTAINED ONE DAY EXTENSION BECAUSE SCHEDULED FLIGHT ON FEB 21 HAD BEEN CANCELLED. HER LATEST (AND PERHAPS LAST) EXPLOIT WAS TO HAVE HER TELEPHONE SERVICE RESTORED. SHE CALLED OVIR AND THREATENED TO CANCEL EMIGRATION IF PHONE WAS NOT RECONNECTED, CLAIMING THAT SHE COULD NOT LEAVE HER MOTHER, WHO HAS A BAD HEART, IN AN APARTMENT WITHOUT A TELEPHONE. SERVICE WAS RESTORED WITHIN THREE HOURS. LYUDA CONFESSED TO HAVING A FEELING OF PANIC AT THOUGHT OF EMIGRATION. IN USSR SHE FELT EXPERIENCED AND SURE OF HERSELF IN MANAGING HER RUNNING SKIRMISH WITH KGB, WHILE LIFE ABROAD SEEMED AN UNKNOWN AND FRIGHTENING PROSPECT.

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